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SUBJECT: MEXICAN MINING CHAMBER STATES PROPOSED USG SALES OF
STRATEGIC MINERALS MAY NOT HURT MEXICO

REF: MEXICO 2843

1. FOLLOWING ITS APRIL 26 ARTICLE IN WHICH " GROUP OF
TECHNICAL INVESTIGATORS" CLAIMED THAT PROPOSED USG STRATEGIC
MINERALS SALES WOULD COST MEXICO \$60 MILLION (REFTEL),
EL HERALDO OF APRIL 27 CARRIED REPORT THAT MEXICAN MINING
CHAMBER (CMARA MINERA DE MEXICO - CAMINMEX) CONSIDERED GROUP'S
CONCLUSIONS " PREMATURE". ACCORDING APRIL 27 ARTICLE, CAMIMEX
THOUGH IT " RISKY" TO SPEAK AT PRESENT OF POSSIBLE HARM OR
BENEFIT TO MEXICO AS RESULT OF PROPOSED SALE.

2. CAMIMEX REPORTEDLY DECLARED, IN DIRECT REBUTTAL TO STATEMENT
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THAT SALE WOULD COST MEXICO \$60 MILLION, " AT THIS TIME,

NEITHER THAT NOR ANYTHING ELSE IN ANY SENSE CAN BE AFFIRMED".
SINCE COMPLETE INFORMATION RE MANNER IN WHICH EXCESSIVE MINERALS
WILL COME INTO WORLD MARKET IS NOT YET AVAILABLE, ANY DETERMINATION
OF POSSIBLE DAMAGE IS " PREMATURE", ACCORDING CAMIMEX. CHAMBER
ADDED THAT THUS FAR NOT EVEN US KNOWS HOW SALE WOULD BE
CONDUCTED,
AND THAT UNTIL IT TAKES PLACE ITS RESULTS CANNOT BE EVALUATED.
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